

1978 REPATRIATION AGREEMENT

THE LEADERS OF DELEGATIONS, duly authorised by and on behalf of the Government of the Socialist Republic of the Union of Burma and the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, following their talks held in Dacca on 7th - 9th July 1978 HAVE AGREED as follows:

Repatriation of Burmese residents

1. (a) The Government of the Socialist Republic of the Union of Burma agrees to the repatriation at the earliest of the lawful residents of Burma who are now sheltered in the camps in Bangladesh on the presentation of Burmese National Registration Cards along with the members of their families, such as, husband, wife, parent, parents-in-law, children, foster-children, grand-children, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, and widowed sisters;
- (b) The Government of the Socialist Republic of the Union of Burma also agrees in the second phase to the repatriation of the people who are able to present their documents issued in Burma indicating their residence in Burma, along with the members of their families, such as, husband, wife, parents, parents-in-law, children, foster-children, grand-children, son-in-law, daughter-in-law and widowed sisters (c) and also of those persons and the members of their families, such as, husband, wife, parents, parents-in-law, children, foster-children, grand children, son-in-law, daughter-in-law and widowed sisters, who will be able to furnish evidence of their residence in Burma, such as addresses or any other particulars.
2. The residents of Burma mentioned in paragraph 1 above will be received on the border by the authorities of the Government of Burma in batches from the authorities of the Government of Bangladesh. The process of repatriation of such residents will

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commence not later than August 31, 1978, and is expected to be completed within six months from the date the first batch is received.

Land Boundary

3. The two Governments also agree to pursue at the earliest the task of the repairing or replacing damaged or missing reference markers in Naaf River Section of the inherited Burma-Bangladesh international boundary and of making necessary amendments in the Protocol signed in Rangoon on 28 April 1966 and of the maps attached thereto, which Protocol forms an integral part of the agreement between the Government of the Union of Burma and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on the Demarcation of a Fixed Boundary between the two countries in the Naaf River signed in Rawalpindi on 9 May 1966.

Naaf River Section of the border

4. The two Governments also agree to pursue at the earliest the task of the repairing or replacing damaged or missing reference markers in Naaf River Section of the inherited Burma-Bangladesh international boundary and of making necessary amendments in the Protocol signed in Rangoon on 28 April 1966 and of the maps attached thereto, which Protocol forms an integral part of the agreement between the Government of the Union of Burma and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on the Demarcation of a Fixed Boundary between the two countries in the Naff River signed in Rawalpindi on 9 May, 1966.

Border Ground Rules

5. The two Governments agree to adopt Border Ground Rules for effective control of the international boundary. The agreed Border Ground Rules shall be made effective at the earliest after the demarcation of the southern portion of the land boundary.

Repatriation of illegal immigrants

6. After completion of repatriation of all the aforesaid residents of Burma from Bangladesh, the two Governments shall co-

operate for the prevention of the illegal crossing of the border by persons from either side. Both Governments agree to receive the repatriation of their residents who cross the boundary subsequent to the date when the Border Ground Rules comes into force and who are found illegally in each other's country.

Maritime

7. The governments agree to pursue further negotiations for the delimitation of the maritime boundary between Burma and Bangladesh.

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